AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL **PATENT** polication No.: _ 09/282,157 March 31, 1999 Filing Date: First Named Inventor Sam E. Kinney Jr. Alain L. Bashore Examiner's Name: 1762 Art Unit: Attorney Docket No.: 003660.P021 An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action. Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27). **ATTACHMENTS Preliminary Amendment** X Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal) Notice of Appeal X RCE (Request for Continued Examination) Supplemental Declaration Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Copies of IDS citations Petition for Extension of Time Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims) Cross-Reference to Related Application(s) Certified Copy of Priority Document Other: _ Other: Check(s) X Postcard (Return Receipt) SUBMITTED BY: **BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP** TYPED OR PRINTED NAME: Vincent Wen Jen Luc SIGNATURE:. REG. NO.: 56,564 DATE: ADDRESS: 12400 Wilshire Boulevard, Seventh Floor Los Angeles, California 90025 TELEPHONE NO.: (408) 720-8300 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL (if applicable) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria Virginia 22313-1450 on 3. 15. DV

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